



# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

**J G MCCracken Junior High**  
**Spartanburg 7**  
**Grades: 7-9** **Enrollment: 758**  
**Principal: Margaret Peach**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Thomas D. White, Jr.**  
**Board Chair: Sharon D. Porter**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2009	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2008	Average	At-Risk	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

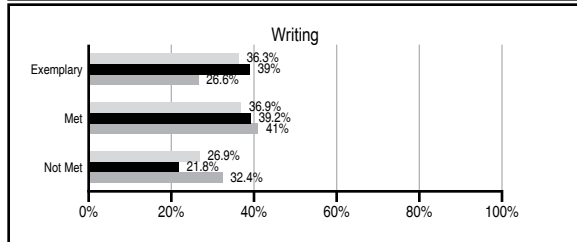
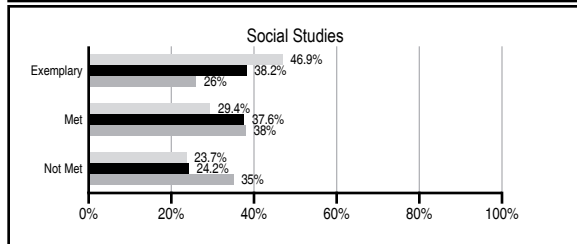
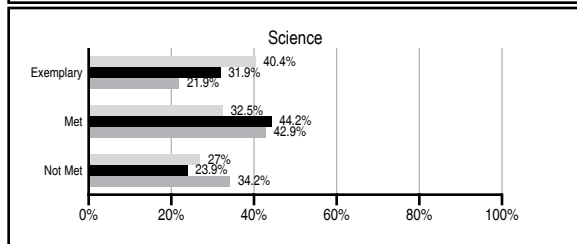
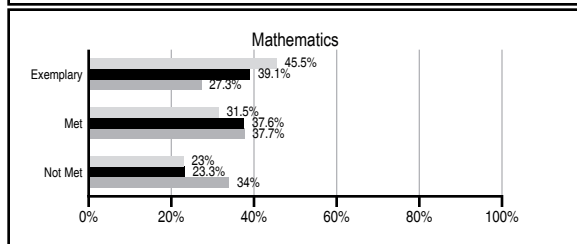
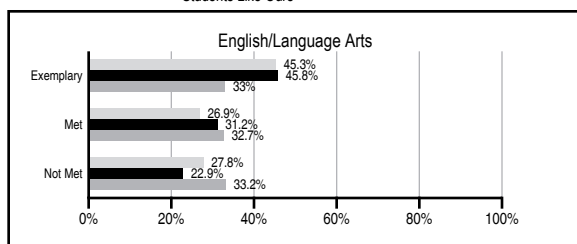
## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	18	5	1	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

**READING – GRADE 8 (2009)**

South Carolina	32	44	23	2
Nation	26	43	28	2

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

**MATH – GRADE 8 (2009)**

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

**SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2005)**

South Carolina	31	39	23	7
Nation	29	39	25	7

% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced

Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2010

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	97.7	98.3
English 1	84.3	98.2
Physical Science	73.8	73.8
US History and the Constitution	100.0	100.0
All Subjects	84.5	97.6

## SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

**2010 Goal:**  
*By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.*

**2020 Vision:**  
*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

### Abbreviations Key

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# J G MCCRACKEN JUNIOR HIGH [Spartanburg 7]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
<b>Students (n=758)</b>				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	44.5%	Up from 28.2%	35.4%	24.2%
Retention rate	1.0%	Down from 1.3%	0.5%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.2%	96.6%	95.9%
Eligible for gifted and talented	40.8%	Down from 41.0%	26.2%	16.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.1%	Up from 9.6%	10.8%	12.0%
Older than usual for grade	2.1%	No Change	1.1%	2.2%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	5.4%	Up from 1.6%	0.4%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.4%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Teachers (n=56)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	55.4%	Down from 58.2%	59.3%	58.5%
Continuing contract teachers	85.7%	Up from 83.6%	83.2%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	5.7%	Up from 1.9%	2.3%	4.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	91.8%	Up from 91.7%	87.6%	84.6%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.0%	95.6%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$51,108	Up 0.6%	\$48,540	\$46,561
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	Down from 2.6%	1.2%	1.3%
Professional development days/teacher	6.5 days	Down from 14.4 days	8.7 days	10.2 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	1.0	No Change	4.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.3 to 1	Up from 18.2 to 1	21.9 to 1	21.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.8%	91.8%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	Up from Good	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	93.5%	Up from 85.6%	97.7%	98.1%
Character development program	Below Average	Down from Good	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,544	Up 5.0%	\$7,300	\$7,802
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	68.9%	Down from 69.8%	65.6%	63.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.3%	Up from 66.2%	63.6%	60.0%
% of AYP objectives met	90.5%	No Change	93.1%	92.3%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	66	210	117
Percent satisfied with learning environment	95.5%	73.3%	87.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	90.8%	78.8%	80.7%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	95.5%	85.0%	80.7%

\*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2009-2010 school year was another great year at McCracken. We had many accomplishments at the regional, state, and national levels in academics, arts, and athletics. This level of recognition was possible because of the tremendous support of our entire school community for our students and teachers.

Building on our tradition of excellence, McCracken had another banner year with a number of outstanding accomplishments. Our Math Counts team proved successful again this year in regional competition. Our Wordmaster team ranked second in the nation for the first time ever. On their respective exams, the Latin and French students ranked nationally. Other notable accomplishments and activities garnered recognition for McCracken with our Youth In Government students, Battle of the Brains Team, and many other activities. Students in the performing arts earned superior rankings at competitions, and we had a number of students selected for region and state chorus, band, and orchestra. Our visual arts students, along with drama and chorus, produced the schoolwide musical "Once Upon A Mattress." Our athletic teams dominated the fields of competition in regional, district, or tournament events. Our football team was the Little Six Conference Champion, and our Lady Eagle basketball team was the tournament champion. We extend our congratulations to our super students and dynamic teachers and coaches.

Our teachers continued to develop their repertoire of cutting-edge teaching strategies by participating in three book studies designed to encourage hands-on teaching strategies, actively engaging students in the classroom, and continued use of data to inform their teaching. Writing was emphasized in all of our classrooms, and we focused on building rigor into all aspects of learning as we pursue our focus of becoming a Pre-AP school. Our parent and school community were very supportive in preparing our students for testing this year. We showed gains in meeting our target scores in both math and language arts as measured by MAP this year between our Fall and Spring testing cycles.

Thank you again for your continued support of our students and teachers. We simply would not be able to accomplish so much and to maintain our reputation for excellence in education without your positive and active involvement. You make such a tremendous difference.

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Stephanie Hall, SIC Chair

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